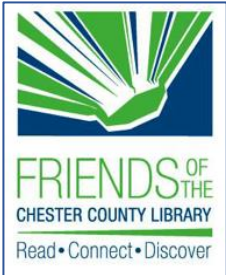


FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Improving the lives of library users through advocacy, service, and funding

Fall 2026



FALLING LEAVES, TURNING THE PAGE

Can you smell it? Autumn—and pumpkin spice—are in the air! And you know what that means...it's almost time for **The Friends Fall Book Sale**! Read on for info about the sale, what prior sale profits helped fund, and what's new for the coming season at Chester County Library.

KEEPING COMFY AT THE LIBRARY

All bookworms know that comfort is key when it comes to curling up with a good book. And while furniture might not be the first thing you think about when you think of the library, it does play an important part of our whole vibe. Also, good-quality, comfortable furniture can be surprisingly pricey!

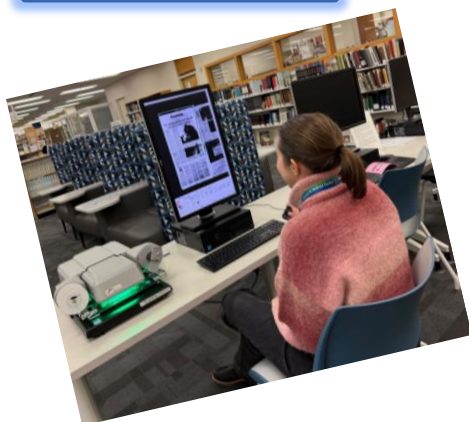
The library is about more than books. It's a place to study, write, browse the web, meet up with friends, get business and health advice, or take a break in a comfy chair while you decide what to read next. And at Chester County Library, we pride ourselves on creating as welcoming a place as possible.

That's where The Friends come in! Thanks to proceeds from recent Friends' book sales, new furniture recently found its way into the library. From cozy seating to inviting spaces for relaxing and working, these new pieces make the library just a little more comfortable for everyone. Take a look at these great new additions!



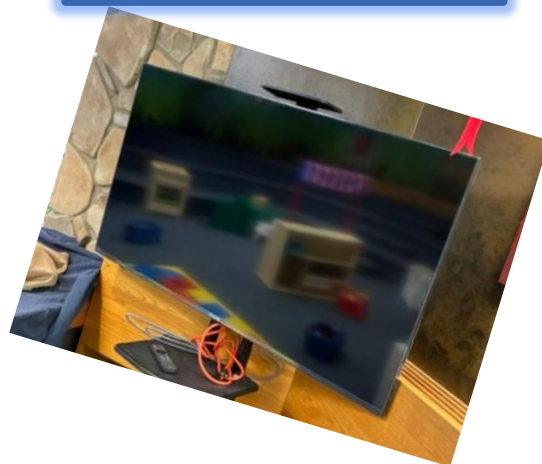
BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Microfilm reader



Projector in Struble Room

TV for Storytime Room



MORE THAN BOOKS: PROGRAMS FOR ALL!

A good library offers tons of programs. A **great** library offers programs that reflect the needs, interests, and creativity of the diverse, multi-generational community it serves. And luckily, Chester County Library has great programs and an amazing community to serve!

The Friends are proud to provide ongoing financial support for many of the library's free programs for kids, teens, and adults throughout the year. This past spring and summer, two adult programs caught our attention: the **Adult Jigsaw Puzzle Competition** and **Book Bedazzling**.

Both offered a welcome excuse for adults and parents to step away from the daily grind, get a little creative, and have some fun! Whether participants were putting together a puzzle or giving their favorite book a serious dose of sparkle, these events provided a chance for all to enjoy a night out and have fun getting crafty.

And yes, we joined in on the fun! Check out some photos from the events below, including the bedazzled book created by this author. (We think it turned out pretty fabulous!)



New tables
in Struble
funded by
The Friends!



FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE

OCTOBER 9, 10 & 11

Our next Book Sale is scheduled for **October 9 - 11**. Recent bestsellers and books in a variety of subjects including history, music, art, religion, romance, science, humor, sports, gardening, and crafts will be available for purchase at bargain prices. Music and movie CDs and DVDs are priced at \$0.50 each. A huge selection of children's books will be available in a separate room. All of these are perfect for holiday gifting! **(Please note:** We accept cash, checks, PayPal, and Venmo. We don't accept credit cards.)

The sale starts on **Friday, Oct. 9 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Chester County Library**. All Friday night attendees must have a current membership before they get into line outside the Struble Room. Place-saving using boxes, crates, etc. is not allowed.

Memberships start at \$20 for an individual and \$30 per household (two adults and children under 18) and can be purchased in advance by mailing in the membership form (available at the Library or on The Friends website) or by purchasing a membership at the Library's Main Checkout Desk prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday night. There will also be a membership sign-up table beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday night. ***You can also get a membership on the library's website with a PayPal account. (Please do this prior to Oct. 8 to attend the Friday night sale.)***

The sale is open to the public starting on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11 is Bag Sale Day, which takes place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We supply the bag; you fill it and pay \$10. Show your current Friends membership card and pay only \$7 per bag. For less than a whole bag, the books will be sold at half-price. All proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the Chester County Library.

"The Friends would like to thank the many volunteers who work to make our Book Sales a success. We could not do it without you."

WHERE DO LEFTOVER BOOKS GO?

Ever wonder what happens to the books that don't find a new home during one of our sales?

Some of our leftover books are donated to organizations, teachers, and others who can put them to good use. Recent recipients include Project HOME in Philly, Books for Taiwan, a Title I teacher, a local Little Free Library, Chester County Prison, and the West Chester Food Cupboard.



And some books get a second chance right here at the library. We put them in our Lobby Bookshelves at the front of the library, where they're available for a donation.

So, even when a book doesn't sell at the book sale, its story isn't over. There's still a good chance it will find a reader!

Friends Meetings: The Board meets at the library on the *first Tuesday of each month* with the exception of July. The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Chester County Library is held the *first Tuesday in December*.

Contact us at cclfriends@ccls.org for more information.

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CELEBRATE BOOKS & LIBRARIES



October brings two important events to the book-themed calendar: **Banned Books Week** and **National Friends of Libraries Week**!

Banned Books Week (10/4 – 10/10) reminds us why the **right to read** matters and why we must continue to stand up for intellectual freedom and push back against censorship. This year's theme is *Let Books Be*.

National Friends of Libraries Week (10/18 – 10/24) shines a spotlight on the amazing impact Friends groups have on the libraries they support, helping fund programs, resources, improvements, and so much more (as you see in this newsletter!).



We hope you'll join us in recognizing both occasions, celebrating what they represent, and—most importantly—**telling others about them!** The more people who understand why libraries and intellectual freedom matter, the better.

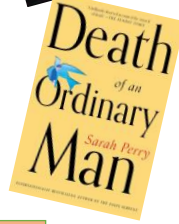
Go to www.ala.org to learn more!

BOOK ENDS

It's the perfect time to fall into a great book! Whether you're looking for a new read or starting to create your "Best Books of 2026" list, fall has plenty of exciting new titles to tempt you. Look below for books publishing this fall, find a few that catch your eye, and log in to your library account and place your holds today!

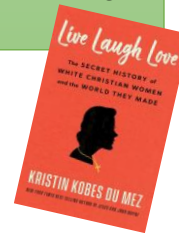
FICTION

Partita – Barbara Kingslover
Peck & Peck by Bonnie Garmus
Taipei Story by R.F. Kuang
The Disappears by Marlon James
Ply by Hernan Diaz
Switzy by Emma Cline
The True Confessions of First Lady Freeman by Deesha Philyaw
American Hagwon by Min Jin Lee



NONFICTION

The Wound is Where the Light Enters by Chris Young
Live Laugh Love by Kristin Kobes Du Mez
The American Way of Killing by Malcolm Gladwell
Ungrateful Immigrant Daughter by Katya Suvorova
Death of an Ordinary Man by Sarah Perry
And If I Die Before I Wake by George M. Johnson



THRILLS & CHILLS

Kiss Slay Replay by Rachel Harrison
Mazywood by Tananarive Due
Solace House by Will Maclean
Off the Reservation by Stephen Graham Jones
Night Jars by Michael Wehunt

